

DISTRICT JAIL NEEDS LARGE DINING ROOM

Warden Says It Would Promote Better Feeling.

IN THE INTEREST OF HEALTH

Advocates Building of Annex Two Stories in Height—One for Men and Other for Women.

It is probable that Congress at its next session will be asked to make an appropriation for the purpose of building a large dining room at the District Jail. Warden James H. Harris has long favored such an improvement, and it is believed that such an enlargement of the building will be approved by Chief Justice Claiborne, of the District Supreme Court, and the associate justices, who have control of the jail.

Within the past day or two Justice Gould and Justice Pritchard visited the jail and Captain Harris called attention to the necessity for a large room in which the prisoners could be fed at tables, instead of, as now, in their cells. In speaking of the matter, Warden Harris said that a dining room in which the prisoners can be fed at the same time is greatly needed. Under the present system the prisoners are fed in their cells. Their meals are given them in long, narrow, deep tin boxes. The male and female prisoners are treated alike in the manner in which their meals are served to them.

Plan of the Annex.

Warden Harris suggests that the annex be made to the jail building on the southeast corner, in the angle made by the south and east wings of the institution. The annex, he also suggests, should be two stories in height, so that the lower floor might be used as a dining room for the male prisoners and the upper story for the women. Two entrances can conveniently be made to the proposed dining room, one from the rotunda of the jail and another from the kitchen, which is on the first floor of the east wing. The second floor of this wing is occupied by the women prisoners.

The dining in the dining room, twice a day, it is believed, will be very healthful for the prisoners. Aside from this they could then be allowed knives and forks and spoons with which to eat their food. Under the present system, aside from the fact that it would be exceedingly

dangerous to place knives and forks in the hands of the prisoners, they would be practically useless. The tin boxes in which the food is now served to the prisoners have oval bottoms and for this reason would not be a good base for action with a knife and fork.

It is expected, however, that if the dining room annex is made the prisoners will be allowed the luxury of knives, forks and spoons while at their meals. Strict watch will have to be kept on the prisoners, however, to prevent some of them from carrying a knife from the dining room, to aid in making their escape.

In this connection it may be said, however, that the chances of a prisoner escaping from the District Jail are very slim. Deputy Warden Benton Russ, who has been connected with the institution since 1864, said yesterday that during all these years only two prisoners have succeeded in making their escape. That was about 1855. The prisoners who escaped were Joel Brown, a young white man, and Lemuel Sewell, a negro. They were afterward captured and served sentences in the penitentiary.

Brown was convicted of robbing Mrs. Langtry while she was playing in Washington. It was he who planned and made the escape of Sewell possible. Brown, it is said, saw the bars from the window of his cell, which was in the south wing of the jail. He then, with the assistance of Sewell, removed one of the iron bars from a window of the south wall of the building, and they then made good their escape.

Escapes Are Rare.

Since that time, particularly within the last few years, many safeguards have been thrown about the prison, so that it is practically impossible for a prisoner to make his escape unless he were to overpower the guards both at the inner and outer doors. Such a thing, however, is highly improbable.

At present there are only 383 prisoners in the District Jail. Of these 61 are white and 324 are negroes. Of the whites 59 are men and 2 women. There are 60 negro women imprisoned in the jail. The number of inmates of the jail will gradually increase from now until about the first of next November. This is so because there are no jury trials in either of the criminal divisions of the Supreme Court of the District in the months of July, August, and September. In consequence persons who are committed to jail to await trial, if not able to give bond, must remain in jail until the fall term, which begins in October. At that time of the year the population of the jail is greatest, often reaching near to 500.

STEAMFITTER HELPERS MAINTAIN FIRM FRONT

Decide Not to Return to Work Until Demands Are Granted.

Prospects of the local steam fitters' helpers receiving the increase of wages for which they asked Wednesday, are growing brighter every day. For fear that some of their men might get "goosefleshed" and return to work without the increase from \$1.60 to \$2 per diem, the officers of the Steam and Hot-water Fitters' Helpers' Union held a meeting in Beasler's Hall, 922 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, Friday night, and it was unanimously agreed that the men should remain out until such time as the masters saw fit to grant the demand made upon them.

At the meeting it was announced that two firms, which employ about twelve or fourteen men each, had granted the increase, and as a result about twenty-five helpers will return to work Monday at \$2 a day.

About seventy or seventy-five helpers are still out. They are employed by five or six companies, the officials of which vow they will not grant the increase of 40 cents a day. The helpers believe differently, however. They live in hopes that all of the masters will agree to the new scale of wages within the next few days.

Since the rejection of an arbitration proposition by the strikers on Wednesday there has been nothing said or done toward bringing the two interested parties together to effect a settlement.

GOES TO PETERSBURG TO BECOME PASTOR

Charles B. Richards to Have Charge of Park View Christian Church.

Charles B. Richards, of Washington, who has been studying for the ministry at the Washington Christian College, has been called to Petersburg, Va., to become pastor of the Parkview Christian Church. The Rev. C. O. Woodward, who has been in charge of the church, has resigned in order to engage in evangelistic work.

Mr. Richards has recently been preaching in Cropley, Md.

W. H. DUNCANSON'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of William H. Duncanson, who died Friday at his home, 524 G Street, was held yesterday morning from the family residence. The services were conducted by the Rev. R. H. McKim. The interment was private. Mr. Duncanson was the son of the late John M. Duncanson and was born in Washington about thirty years ago. He is survived by a mother and sister.

WORK ON FILTER PLANT PROGRESSING NICELY

Excavation for Beds to Begin as Soon as Track Is Laid.

Work on the filtration plant on either side of First Street, near the Soldiers' Home, is well under way, and, according to those in charge, is making satisfactory progress. A large number of cars have arrived and will be used for the transportation of soil from the excavations. In addition to these cars several "dummy" engines are on the scene and will be used in the course of the work.

Lieutenant Colonel Miller, in charge of the Washington Aqueduct, has applied to the Commissioners for permission to lay a temporary track along Baltimore Street from the present reservoir, across First Street and continuing along Baltimore Street a part of the distance to North Capitol Street. This permit will be granted and then the actual excavation of the beds can begin.

The work on the new "gatehouse" is almost finished and will probably be completed before the excavation for the filtration beds is begun. The beds will take up all the land from the Washington reservoir to North Capitol Street and from Cincinnati Street to the Soldiers' Home, comprising in all about thirty-four acres.

AUTOPSY TO BE HELD ON FRED MYERS' BODY

Mystery of His Sudden Death to Be Cleared Up in This Way.

An autopsy will be performed today on the body of Frederick W. Myers, a member of the Merchants' Window Cleaning Company, who was found dead on a vacant lot at Fifteenth and C Streets, yesterday. While the police are confident that Myers' death was due to an attack of heart failure, the post-mortem examination is to be made to clear away all mystery.

On leaving his boarding house last night, Myers told some friends he intended making a few calls during the evening. He did not return home all night, however, and it is believed he remained downtown until early this morning.

From all indications he was stricken while walking along the sidewalk, and had evidently thrown himself down on the ground to recover. Myers was thirty-five years old, and had resided in Washington for several years. He came here from Cincinnati, and was instrumental in the organization of the window cleaning concern.

FIGHTING THE MOTHS THAT RAVAGE TREES

Means Sought to Combat the Gypsy and Brown-Tailed Varieties.

Dr. L. O. Howard, entomologist to the Agricultural Department, has returned from a trip to Boston and vicinity, where he went to examine the ravages of the gypsy and brown-tailed moths. Dr. Howard said yesterday that he found the gypsy less prevalent than he expected and the brown-tailed moth more abundant than he had been led to believe.

Why the gypsy moth should be less numerous is hard to explain. The department's entomologists have been trying for a number of years to introduce a parasite which would feed upon the moth and keep it within bounds, but the experiments have been unsuccessful because the parasites died before they could be brought to this country from southern Europe, where the gypsy and brown-tailed moths are indigenous, and where the parasites prey upon them.

Dr. Howard is by no means discouraged over past failures and will continue his efforts to introduce the parasites until he has either achieved success or clearly demonstrated that they cannot be brought to this country in sufficient numbers to serve a practical purpose.

The two varieties of moths have done so much damage that they have demanded serious attention on the part of the Government experts. Their ravages are principally confined to fruit trees, but when hard pressed they will attack any tree they find, even the coniferous or pine trees.

Dr. Howard said yesterday that the moths have not become more of a pest in the past two or three years because the owners of trees are awakening to the necessity for fighting the foe according to latest scientific methods.

CABIN JOHN.

Grand operatic selections by Haley's Band, during the past week have met with so much approval that Conductor W. A. Haley has arranged for this week, commencing today, a program of rare excellence, embracing selections from the light operas. The hot weather has increased the attendance and throngs of pleasure-seekers visit this popular resort nightly. It is estimated that the attendance during the past week has averaged over 100,000. New features have been added to the palm garden, and it continues to be an attractive feature. Fireworks and illuminations are still in vogue.

Very Low Rates to Denver and Return

Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, account Christian Endeavor Convention. Tickets sold July 6 to 5, valid returning until August 31. See agents for full information.

CONVENTION OF NEGRO DENTISTS CLOSED

Officers Chosen for Ensuing Year—Success of the Association.

The final meeting of the third annual convention of the National Association of Negro Dentists was held yesterday at the Freedman's Hospital. The principal business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The elections resulted as follows: President, Dr. A. J. Gwathney, Washington, D. C.; first vice president, Dr. R. G. Baker, Baltimore, Md.; second vice president, Dr. A. R. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pa.; secretary, Dr. C. C. Fry, West Chester, Pa.; treasurer, Dr. Allie M. Waring, Washington, D. C. The executive committee consists of the following members: Dr. N. S. Lofton, Dr. C. S. Wormley, Dr. D. W. Onley, of Washington; Dr. M. A. Pethel, Charlotte, N. C., and Dr. D. A. Ferguson, Richmond.

The association voted to publish an annual report, which will contain the proceedings of the convention and the correspondence and contributions from the different members. This convention has been more successful and had a larger attendance than any ever held. The membership of the association is now five times as large as it was when founded three years ago. During the sessions just closed a number of able papers have been read by the members.

Yesterday afternoon the local dentists entertained the out-of-town members of the association on a private boat on which the whole party went to River View.

DOLPHIN AGAIN IN HARBOR.

The Government yacht Dolphin, which left Washington about two weeks ago for a cruise through Long Island Sound to the New England coast with Assistant Secretary Darling on board, returned yesterday. The Dolphin is anchored in the channel near the cruiser Pararie and gunboat Topeka and will remain there for a part of the coming week before again putting to sea.

ENGINEER BAND CONCERT.

The United States Engineer Band, conducted by Chief Musician Julius Kemper, will give a concert this afternoon at 4 p. m. at the Arsenal.

March, "New England's Finest".....Clarke
Overture, "Semiramide".....Rosini
Persian Intermezzo, "Carmen".....Bisac
Selection, "Carmen".....Bisac
Paraphrase, "Foraken".....Kretschmer
Two-Step in Japanese, "The Little Maids".....Haines

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Every Saturday and Sunday via B. & O. R. R.

All trains, both ways, both days, except Royal Limited, leaving Washington 3 and Baltimore 7:55 p. m.

FOURTH OF JULY FINES IN THE POLICE COURT

Untimely Patriotism Depletes a Number of Pocketbooks.

Premature celebration of the glorious Fourth cost a number of ultra-patriotic boys and men a few dollars in the Police Court yesterday morning. The following penalties were imposed by Judge Kimball:

Mortimer Lyddane and Hugh Dorian discharged a cannon on Ninth Street northwest and were each fined \$10 or thirty days in jail.

Charles Kaufman, Arthur Williams, Daniel Raddy, Preston Corby, James Raster, and Samuel Forgo, forfeited \$2 each.

Frederick Armer, Charles Moore, Robert Street, and James Brown, forfeited \$1 each.

Samuel Levy discharged an extra large cracker at Thirteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and Policeman Catts arrested him. He forfeited \$5.

James Jones also forfeited \$5 for his patriotism, and so did Richard Coleman, white.

James Scruggs, Nicholas James, and John Richter got off with a fine of \$1.

WILL BE ASSISTANT TO THE REV. DR. POWER

Prof. Johnson to Occupy Pulpit of Vermont Avenue Church.

The Rev. Philip Johnson, professor of Latin at Bethany College, West Virginia, will act as assistant to the Rev. F. D. Power, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church.

Dr. Power has planned to attend the International Christian Endeavor convention, which will be held in Denver July 9-13. He will remain in the West for several weeks. During his absence from Washington Professor Johnson will have charge of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church.

Tonight special services will be held in the church to ordain to the ministry John M. Horne, who will go to Brockton, Mass., to assume the pastorate of a church there.

Baby Bell to His Death.

Griffith Lloyd Smith, the two-year-old child of J. G. Smith, a chemist in the Bureau of Soils of the Agricultural Department, fell from a second-story window of his home Friday afternoon and died at the Casualty Hospital Friday evening. His skull was fractured by the fall. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of accidental death.

Floral Work for Funerals.

We fill mail, phone, or telegraph orders as promptly and well as personal ones. 1224 F.

SKANN-SONS' CO. THE BUSY CORNER

JULY CUT-PRICE SALES

Cool White Goods

Two hundred 12-yard pieces of English Long Cloth. Cut price for Monday only, each. Pure Linen Cambric, 58c grade, 40 in. wide. Cut price, a yard.....38c

47-in. Battiste and 47-in. French Lawn, very thin, 35c white stuffs. Cut price, a yard.....19c

Mercerized Striped Oxford, fancy striped madras, lace striped lawns, corded dotted Swisses and plaques, in small lots that sold regularly at 20c and 25c. Cut price, a yard.....18c

Laces and Embroideries

More than one of the offerings below are at less than cost to us. Perhaps you can better tell which ones and whether they will meet your needs when tomorrow you see the entire seven lots.

Lace Gallions, in butter and ecrú shades, from various lots, 8c to 15c kinds. Cut price, a yard.....4c

Several lots comprising an assortment of Point de Paris Laces and Insertions. Cut price, a yard.....62c

Several thousand yards of Machine Torchon Laces and Insertions. Cut price, a yard.....12c

50c grade Black Point d'Esprit Dress Nets. Cut price.....33c

First floor.

Linen and Lawn Waists.

Pure White Linen Waists of exceptional quality offered in the July Cut Price Sales at just half real worth.

Trimmed with stitched tucks to the bust, four pleats down the back; sleeves of large puff style, and collars of tab or bishop shape. All sizes, 32 to 40. Think what a chance it is, a white linen waist of best style and worth \$2.50, at.....\$1.25

Persian Lawn Waists of finest sheer material. One of the prettiest styles in a half dozen or more in the lot has the entire front of embroidery, on either side of which are tucks to the bust. The other styles have rows of fine insertion and broad pleats; and stitched pleats and insertion to the bust.

All have clusters of pin tucks down the back; large puff sleeves; tucked cuffs and embroidered stock. All sizes, and every waist finished in a superior manner. None worth less than \$2.00—some \$3.50. Choice at.....\$1.50

Second floor.

Lining Lawns.

20 pieces of Lining Lawn, made expressly for summer dresses, 40 inches wide, and most of them white; although there is a good variety of colors. Regularly priced 12½c yard. Cut price.....62c

First Floor.

Towels.

25c grade Extra Heavy Double-Threaded and Bleached Turkish Towels, 25 by 54 in. Cut price.....17c

Huck Towels, of extra heavy linen buck, 20x40 in. Cut price.....12½c

First Floor.

Dress Shields.

Our own Luxur Dress Shields made without rubber; guaranteed odorless at the following cut prices:

Size.....1 2 3 4 5 6
Price.....13c 15c 19c 24c 29c 35c

Light-weight Shields:

Size.....2 3 4
Price.....5c 7c 9c

Summer Silks.

About fifty pieces of the Japanese Corded Wash Silks in an almost complete assortment of colorings, such as pink, ecrú, blue, green, hollyhock, lavender, tan, navy, royal, maize, and gray at the cut price of, a yard.....19c

A SERIES OF CUT-PRICE SALES TO RUN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MONTH, and embracing every line of summer things in all the departments. We can point to nothing as a criterion of what these sales will be. Never before have the trade conditions prevailing this year combined so greatly to the buyers' advantage.

For instance: The coldest June in forty-two years. The large number of special purchases. Our buying of summer things was on a much greater scale. And then, stock-taking time is near. In every department where summer merchandise is carried will be found cut price bargains of which but few have place in today's news.

Wash Skirts

High-class novelties in Washable Skirts of plique, butchers' linen, pique, white chambray, India linen, and grass linen, all handsomely tailored and trimmed in latest effects, including insertions that were \$4, \$4.50, and \$5. Cut to.....\$2.98

Cambric, 5½c.

Full yard wide; fine threads; a high-grade finish and our regular 8c Cambric. Cut price.....5½c

First Floor.

Mattings.

Japanese and Chinese. About 70 rolls of 25c and 20c Japanese Cotton-warped Mattings, carpet patterns, colors of green, blue, and red, and 27 in. wide, 35-pound China Mattings, checked and plaid patterns, cut to, a yard.....15c

A Most Extraordinary and Timely Sale of 2,400 Pairs Sample Shoes at 95c and \$1.95

These sample shoes are the highest class novelties offered by two of the largest manufacturers to the retail trade throughout the country, and sale prices are less than cost to make. For convenience of selection only they have been divided into four lots, but only two prices, 95c and \$1.95.

Sample Oxford Ties.

Of patent leather, patent kid, coltskin, and velvet kid. Also Blushers, Court Ties, 4-button and straight-laced Oxfords, French Cuban, or military heels in every style. Oxfords worth \$3, \$3.50, \$4, and \$5. Cut price.....\$1.95

Women's Summer Shoes and Oxfords

Sample Shoes.

All in high lace or button styles, worth \$2, \$3.50, \$4, \$5, and many of them \$6. Made of patent leather, ideal kid, Corona coltskin, velvet kid—not an up-to-date style of high shoe not represented in the lot. Choice from.....\$1.95

Samples Misses' Oxfords.

About 300 pairs, including ties and strap slippers, made of patent ideal kid, patent coltskin, velvet kid and box calf, in both spring and low flat heel; close edge or extension sole. Choice from any of the lot.....95c

Misses' and Children's Shoes and Oxfords

Sample Misses' and Children's Shoes.

In lace and button styles of every conceivable effect in patent leather and patent velvet kid; a few pairs only that are not entirely sewed by hand. Worth \$2, \$2.50, and a few \$3. At.....95c

Silk Parasols, \$1.19.

The remainder of our special purchase of \$2.50 and \$3 All-silk Tafteta Parasols, offered to close at a further reduction.

The lot includes novelties in all good colors, and a lot of plain black novelty Taftetas.

All of them good values at the prices for which they were made to sell \$2.50 and \$3. Cut price.....\$1.19

First Floor.

Voiles and Mohairs.

Cream Mohair, 38-in. wide; regularly 48c a yard; cut price.....39c

Black Sicilian Mohair; regularly priced 62½c; 50-in. wide, extra heavy and with good luster. Cut price, a yard.....45c

Cream Voile, 85c grade, 44-in. wide; cut price a yard.....59c

44-in. Black Lupins' Voile; cut price a yard.....75c

First Floor.

Ribbons—Silk and Velvet.

Velvet Ribbons, 1-inch wide; satin back, woven edge, in black only and 1½-inch Satin Tafteta Ribbons, in light blue, pink, cardinal, maize, cream, and black. All of them 12½c ribbons. Cut price a yard.....6c

High-grade Tafteta Ribbon, in all good colors, such as light blue, pink, lavender, lime green, and plaids; together with a lot of 1½-inch Moire Ribbons; all suitable for waists, hair, and neck uses. Most of them worth up to 25c, at.....12½c

Cut Prices on Thin Wash Goods

Corded Madras. Swiss Lawn. Plain Colored Lawn. Figured Dimity, all at 5½c

The Corded Madras Lawns have pure white grounds with small neat patterns, printed in black and blue, black and tan. The Swiss Lawns in a wide range of patterns of every conceivable color, with pink, light blue, green, tan, gray, black and white predominating. Figured Dimities are quite sheer, made of fine threads, and relieved with conventional floral designs. The Lawns in plain shades of blue and pink. A few pieces of yellow; all 30 inches wide; regularly priced at 10c and 12½c.....5½c a yd.

At 7½c a Yard

Four lots with values up to 25c. 36-inch Percelle, soft-finished, white grounds with small stripes; a few pieces with colored grounds. Regularly priced 12½c. Cut 7½c

12½c Madras in an assortment of pink with white assorted stripes. In about 25 different styles, especially suitable for children's apparel. Cut price, yard.....7½c

At 12½c a yard

Pique worth 25c in two shades of blue, cadet and navy, absolutely perfect. Cut price, a yard.....12½c

Cotton Voile, in two shades, light and dark, both very fashionable shades that will wash well. Regularly priced at 18c a yard. Cut price.....12½c

Plain Pink-colored Swiss, a wonderfully good seller. A good shade of pink that everyone who can wear pink likes. 31 inches wide; 25c quality. Cut price.....12½c

All- linen Galatea in a pattern especially good for boys' wear. An all-over pencil-stripe pattern; some Washington stores sell this at 35c. Our cut price.....12½c

Lace-striped Lawns that were 15c a yard, handsome effects in printed designs; the lot includes many different weavings and every good color. Cut price, a yard.....12½c

A Brand-New Lot of Sheets and Pillow Cases at Cut Prices

It's an extraordinary chance for hotels and keepers of boarding houses as well as for the housekeeper who wants but a few.

A very large purchase of popular brand 81 by 90 Bleached Sheets, which should have been here weeks ago, just arrived.

These consist of Salem brand Sheets, Androscooggin brand of Sheets, the famous King Sheets and Rattler brand Sheets; all of them superior to the Mohawk brand that Washington women swear by. Choice at—each.....49c

Unbleached Sheets, full size, with 1 and 2-inch hems, of excellent cotton. Cut price.....39c

Utica Mills Pillow Cases, 42 by 36 inches. Sold the world over at 17c. Cut price for Monday only, each.....12½c

45 by 36-inch Pillow Cases, hemmed, well made throughout; our regular 12½c case. Cut price for Monday only.....7c

Draperies.

About sixty pairs of our regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 Snowflake Madras Portieres, with silk cross stripes, 3 yards long, heavy fringe top and bottom; all in good high colors of red, green, pink and rose. Cutting price to a pair.....\$2.00

Five different patterns of \$3.50 White Irish Point Curtains, 9 feet long, and all this season's styles. Prices cut to a pair.....\$1.25

Third Floor.

Table Linen.

60c All-Linen Cream Table Damask, 70-inch wide. Cut price for tomorrow only.....48c

2 yards Square Red and White, and Black and White Table Covers. Cut price for one day.....50c

20-inch Bleached Napkins, \$1.25 grade. Cut price for one day, a dozen.....89c

40c grade of 54-inch Table Padding. Cut price, a yard.....25c